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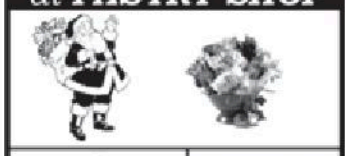
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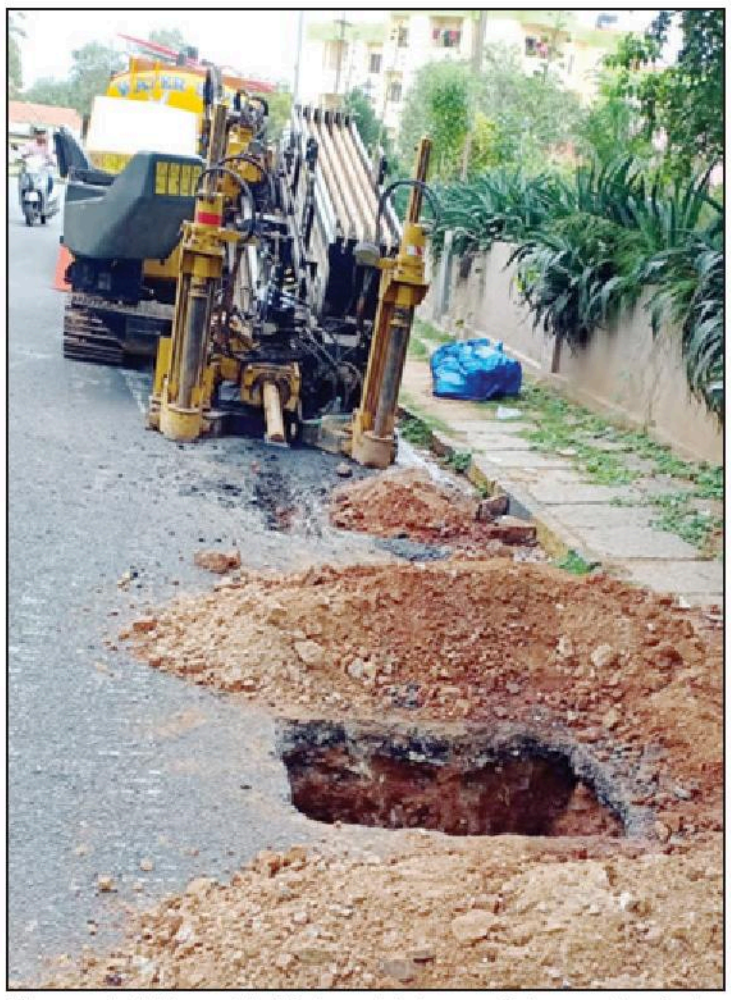


The newly-laid road in Yadavagiri dug up this morning to lay cables as OFC-laying machinery which move on continuous metal track wheels without rubber inserts damage the road *[See detailed report on page 9].*

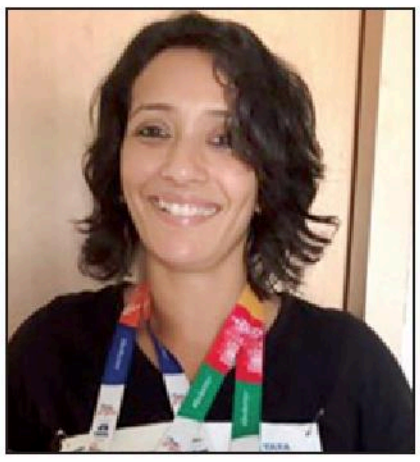
City's first iron woman

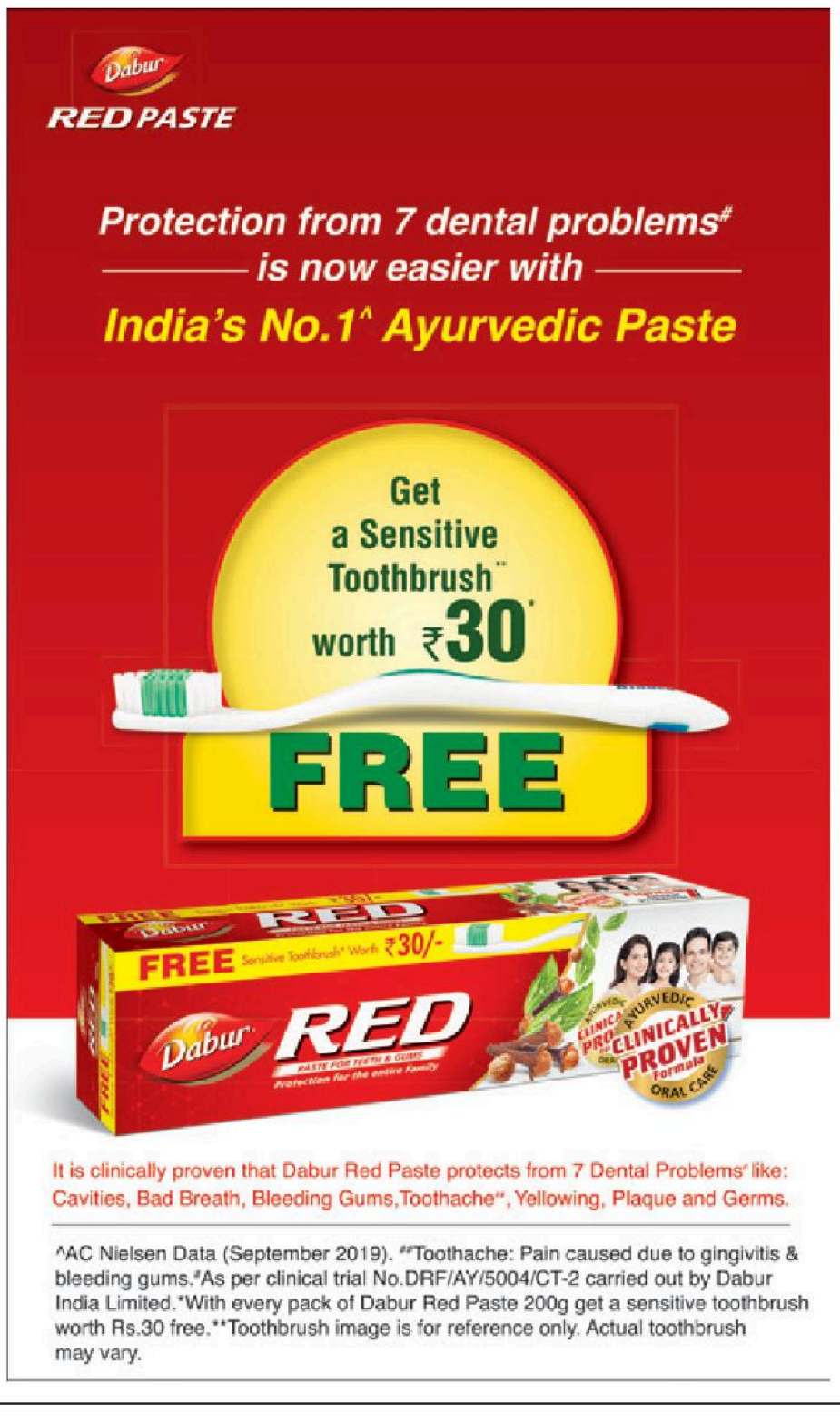
Dr. Usha Hegde becomes first woman from Mysuru to complete 'Ironman' event

Mysuru, Dec. 2 (BCT)- Dr. Usha Hegde from Mysuru city has become the first woman to finish the Ironman Western Australia 2019 Triathlon. The event was held on Nov. 30 and Dr. Usha completed the feat in 14 hours and 30 minutes (14:30:24). Earlier this year in May, Prajwal Prasad became the first Mysurean to finish the Ironman Challenge.

An Ironman Triathlon is one of a series of long-distance triathlon races organised by the World Triathlon Corporation (WTC), consisting of a 2.4-mile (3.86 km) swim, a 112-mile (180.25 km) bicycle ride and a marathon of 26.22-mile (42.20 km), raced in that order back-to-back. It is widely considered one of the most difficult one-day sporting events in the world.

(See IRON WOMAN on page 9)

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Dilution of *human capital*

All said and done, pages of history are replete with the script of chroniclers of their times portraying the life-related happenings as they perceived and drew their inferences, thought by pundits as source of valuable *lessons*. However, *learning* those lessons and taking care not to commit the blunders are different cups of tea as it were. Of the stock of lessons sourced to the land's history of past several centuries, perhaps the feature of disharmony among the people on various counts stands out. That feature has unwittingly taken a permanent perch on the backs or in the minds of most people even to this day. In a laudable attempt to re-structure the society as an inclusive entity, the script-writers of the nation's voluminous Constitution chose the count of *caste* by which people identified themselves. All seemed well as long as different sections of the population with that variety of identities avoided treading on others' toes to the point of hurting pride and sentiments. Having sidelined that key lesson of history, people of some well-marked sections in the country's populace find themselves in a zone of discomfort socially. Their plight is similar to that of the lamb at the water point confronted by the wolf, salivating to devour its prey.

A former diplomat, who also held high level posts in the country's Ministry of Finance and World Bank, has conveyed in a column of a widely-read daily this week his perception of many sad realities that Indians are silent witness to nowadays. One such reality highlighted by the writer with sound credentials refers to the significant erosion of *human capital*, particularly in Government environment, regulatory and educational circles resulting in distortions in competence and decision-making.

While a minimum of 49.5 per cent of jobs in all Departments of the Government are mandatorily kept aside for those identifying themselves under castes mentioned in the Constitution and its subsequent amended text, the Central Government has notified several months ago an additional 10 per cent to be reserved, ostensibly for the advancement of *any* Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) of citizens, on condition that families with annual income is below eight-lakh rupees. There have been debates in the Constituent Assembly followed by discussions in the country's Parliament as well as Legislative Assemblies of States about the perceived contentious issue of *correcting* past injustices. It is felt in some circles of cognoscenti that over the decades, human capital has been diluted due to a steady increase in setting aside jobs and admissions to institutions under Government control, apart from reduction in minimum educational qualifying standards for the beneficiaries of the system of preferential opportunities. The argument that many in crucial official regulatory and specialised positions selected on the principle of creating an inclusive society do not meet basic standards of domain knowledge and competence has remained open-ended. The writer's suggestion to first halve the quota percentage and later drop it altogether may not go well with the privileged sections.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

JUDGES ARE NOT IMMUNE TO STRESS: ***In India, the Supreme Court is the final arbiter of all disputes and carries huge public expectation when it decides important cases — from temple to triple talaq, political defections to defamation, river waters to environment, mining to movies, divorce to custody of children and from Bofors to Rafale. It has received undiluted adulation and sharp criticism. Adulation may be energising and intoxicating but unwarranted criticism is depressing and disconcerting to most. Successful sportspersons have the wherewithal to engage professionals, whose expertise untangles their minds and anchors them ashore. Do SC Judges have access to similar remedy when public adulation clouds their otherwise sharp mental faculties?*** — *Dhananjay. Mahapatra in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Store 'rethinks' badges that identify staff on periods

Tokyo: Daimaru Umeda store in Osaka is reconsidering a policy for employees on their period to wear badges featuring a manga character after complaints from the general public. The idea was for employees on their period to wear the badges so that their co-workers could recognise when they might need extra help or need to take a break.

The character on the badge, Seiri-chan, is from a popular comic by Ken Koyama in his series Little Miss P. She is also known as Miss Period. The badge policy is not compulsory, and was reportedly suggested by the employees themselves when a new "Women's Well-being" section was opened in the store.

Ice preserved puppy for 18,000 years

Yakutia: Researchers have big questions about the puppy they have named Dogor - "friend" in a language of the Siberian area where the creature spent 18,000 years in permafrost. They're still trying to figure out if the tiny animal is a dog or wolf. The puppy was discovered last year by locals in Yakutia, said Sergey Fedorov, who heads the exposition hall at the Mammoth Museum of Russia's North-Eastern Federal University. Dogor left the wilderness as a lump of soil and ice, but scientists could make out the head and paws of what they believed at first to be a young wolf.

Testing on a rib bone has revealed the animal's age: about two months, said Stanton, a postdoctoral scholar who's been working for over a year on a broader attempt to answer lingering questions about canine history. Stanton said he and his colleagues need to do more analysis on Dogor's genome to increase their confidence that they have sequenced it correctly. Luckily for them, just like the puppy's coat and teeth, the DNA is well preserved. The puppy, whose name was announced earlier this week, remains in Russia.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Will taking Magnesium help my depression?

Magnesium is a safe and effective way to treat depression. Magnesium triggers the production of serotonin, the mood-boosting brain chemical. Results have been seen within one to two weeks.

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World Konkani Award to Mysuru Yoga Guru

Yoga Guru Dr. K. Raghavendra Pai, Secretary, Sri Vedavyasa Yoga Foundation, Mysuru, was conferred Basti Vaman Shenoy Vishwa Konkani Seva Puraskar-2019 for his exemplary achievements and service in the field of Yoga during the World Konkani Award Ceremony held at Raman Pai Convention Hall, Mangaluru recently. The award comprising a citation, memento and rupees one lakh purse was presented to him in the presence of T.V. Mohandas Pai, President, Manipal Global Education, Dr. Austine D'Souza Prabhu, Chicago, USA, Padmashri Dr. Ramakant Krishnaji Deshpande, Director, Asian Institute of Oncology, Mumbai, Dr. P. Dayanand Pai, Chairman, Konkani Language & Cultural Foundation and Basti Vaman Shenoy, Chairman, World Konkani Centre, Mangaluru.

Karanji Lake photography contest and exhibition on Dec. 16

Mysuru, Dec.2- Mysuru Zoo is organising Photography competition and Exhibition as part of two-day Karanji Lake Festival on Dec.16. The topic for photography competition and exhibition is "Biodiversity of Karanji Lake." Photography should be from Karanji Lake. Selected photos will be displayed in Karanji Lake expo. Only two un-mounted photographs measuring size of 12" x 18" will be accepted per person. Last date for receiving entry is Dec.12, according to a press release from the Deputy Conservator of Forests and Executive Director of the Zoo.

Really...?

- ***Putting a frog in the milk bucket was an ancient Russian way of keeping milk from going sour. By studying this method, scientists have identified a wealth of new antibiotic substances.***
- ***As a result of Breyers adding excessive amounts of additives in their ice cream to cut costs, Canada has determined their product no longer contains enough milk and cream to meet labelling requirements for ice cream, and must be labelled "Frozen Dairy Dessert", or "Frozen Dessert."***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Raju bought a heavy item from the bazaar. He turned to a porter and said, *"Take this to my house."* ***The porter inquired,*** *"Okay, where is it?"* *"Are you crazy?"* ***Raju replied.*** *"I don't know you; you might be a criminal for all I know; I would be foolish to tell you where my house is !!"*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 71.71
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 92.62
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1 Euro	= Rs. 79.02

VOICE OF THE READER

Stop dumping of waste on main roads

Sir,

Waste materials and garbage thrown carelessly on roads and other places affect both humans and animals. I would like to draw everyone's attention to what is happening in Vijayanagar 4th Stage near 2nd Phase.

Waste is being dumped here daily near the roadside. The foul smell affects both the pedestrians as well as the residents.

This problem is even affecting the animals as cows and dogs eat these waste and the plastic content may cause serious problems for them.

Even though many complaints were given to the MCC authorities no action has been taken. If the authorities do not take strict action against this then it would lead to further disasters. Hope the MCC will wake up before it is too late and act?

—B.S. Sidhartha
Vijayanagar 2nd Stage
11.11.2019

This bus shelter needs facelift

Sir,

The bus shelter located at the left side of Yadavagiri Post Office, Mysuru, is lacking lighting facility. Many offices as well as factories are functioning in this area.

Many passengers including women have to wait for the bus in this shelter in pitch dark with fear.

I request the authorities concerned on behalf of general public to look into the problem urgently and provide lighting facility to the bus shelter at the earliest.

— A. Subramanya
Mysuru
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New city bus route

Mysuru, Dec.2- Following public demand, the KSRTC Mysuru City Division has introduced a new city bus service from City Bus Stand (CBS) to Vivekananda Circle via Shiva temple (Route No. 81) with effect from Nov.29.

This bus will start from CBS and pass through Agrahara-Siddappa Circle-RTO-Ashoka Circle (Ballal Circle)-K.G.Koppal-Apollo Hospital-Cauvery School-KEB-RMP Quarters-Aravindanagar Cross-Aravind Hospital-Shiva temple-Kuvempunagar bus stand to reach Vivekananda Circle. The bus will follow the same route in return journey.

Bus timings: From city bus stand — 10.25 am, 11.30 am, 12.50 pm, 1.50 pm, 5.25 pm and 6.30 pm.

From Vivekananda Circle — 9.55 am, 11 am,12.20 pm, 1.20 pm, 2.45 pm, 4.55 pm and 5.55 pm, according to a press release.

Suttur Jatra:

State-level Bhajan contest

Mysuru, Dec. 2 - The six-day annual Jathra Mahotsava of Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Mahaswamiji will be held from Jan. 21 to Jan. 26 at Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud taluk.

As part of Jathra Mahotsava, 28th State-level Bhajan contest will be held in the following categories: Men's team, Children's team, City Women's team, Rural Women's team, Ekatari Men's team and Ekatari Women's team along with men's and women's team participating from neighbouring States.

Winning teams will get cash award along with memento and certificate. All participating teams will get certificate of participation along with travel allowance, free accommodation and *prasadam*.

Interested teams may contact Vishwanath and Dr. D.M. Mahendra Murthy on Ph: 0821-2548212 or Mob: 94488-00977.

Kodava Samaja to celebrate Huthri Fest on Dec.11

Mysuru, Dec. 2- Kodava Samaja, Mysuru, will be celebrating Huthri, the harvest festival, on Dec. 11 at Sree Cauvery College Grounds in Kuvempunagar from 5.30 pm onwards.

On the occasion, traditional Kodava dances will be presented by the Samaja members and their children.

'Nere kattuva' ritual will be held at 7.35 pm; reaping new paddy crop (Kadiru) at 8.35 pm; distribution of thambutt prasada at 9.35 pm.

Puthari Eedu: As in the previous years, *Puthari Eedu* will be held for five days from Dec.6 to Dec.10 daily at 6 pm at the Samaja premises in Vijayanagar where traditional Kodava dances will be practiced, according to a press release from Malachira M. Ponnappa, Hon. Secretary, Kodava Samaja, Mysuru.

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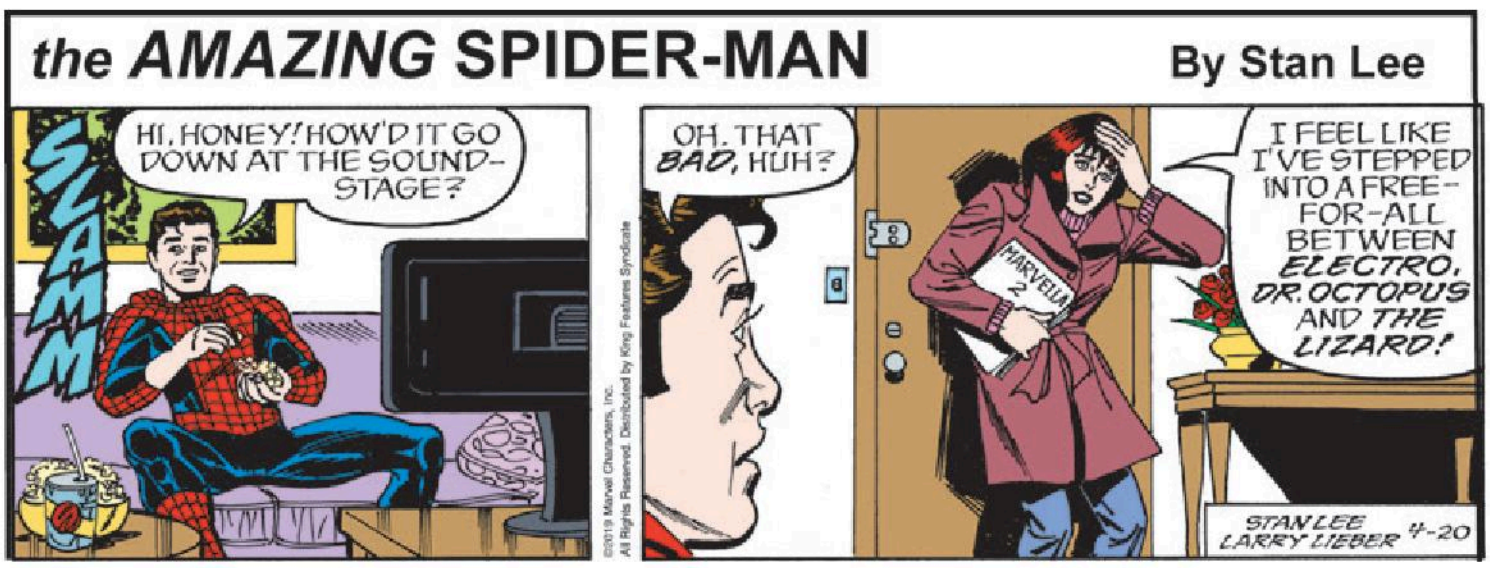
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NEWS BRIEFS

Complaints against Cable TV channels?

The members of the public can lodge complaints against cable TV channels, if any, in connection with the programmes or advertisements telecast by them, before Dec.3, to Vinod Chandra, Deputy Director, Department of Information and Public Relations, who is also the Member-Secretary of the District Cable TV Monitoring Committee. All the complaints received will be reviewed and addressed at the Committee meeting to take place at the Deputy Commissioner's Office premises tomorrow (Dec.3).

Workshop for farmers from Dec.4

The District Agriculture Training Centre at Naganahalli in the taluk will be conducting a three-day workshop for farmers on 'Soil and Water Management: Augmenting farmers income through scientific farming practices' at its premises, from Dec.4 to Dec. 6. Participation is limited to 40 farmers and all of them will be provided free boarding and lodging. For details, call Mob: 82779-33180.

Annual General Body Meetings

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Nagarika Vedike will be held on Dec.8 at 10 am at Vedike premises, No. P-15, Vishwamanava Double Road, Kuvempunagar. Vedike Working President B. Basavaiah will preside. Hon. President G.K. Varadappa will be present.

The 25th AGM of Sri Ramakrishna Residential Care Home will be held on Dec.10 at 11 am at Sri Ramakrishna Residential Care Home, Ponnampet, under the Chairmanship of B.P. Ganapathy, President.

Ph.D awardee

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Economics to P.O. Prabhavathi for her thesis 'A Study on the Impact of Udyogini Scheme on Economic Empowerment of Women: An Empirical Study in Chitradurga District' [Guide: Dr. M.G. Basavaraja]

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(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	123.53 ft
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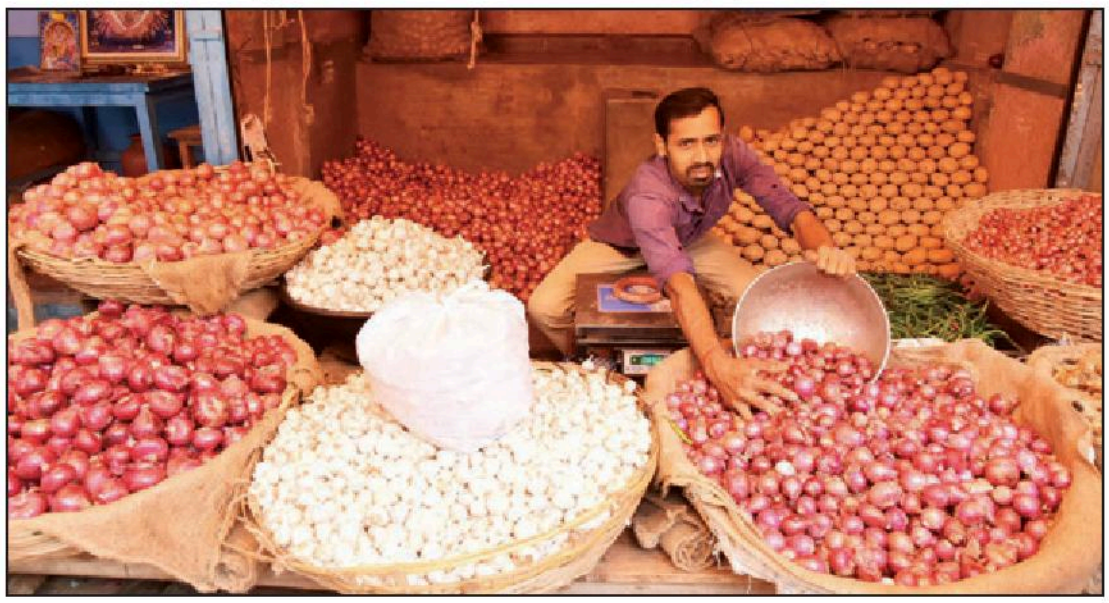
Outflow	2,200 cusecs

Govt. to import onion from Turkey to control sky-rocketing prices



New Delhi, Dec.2 (UNI)- In a bid to control the sky-rocketing prices of onion in the retail market, the Narendra Modi led BJP Government will import 11,000 Metric Tons (MT) of onion from Turkey in addition to 6,090 MT from Egypt.

According to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, the Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation of India (MMTCI) has placed the order on Centre's behalf, which will reach India later this month. The staple food has crossed the century-mark in most of the regions and the prices are expected to touch Rs. 150 per kg in the coming days.

According to sources, MMTCI has contracted 11,000 tonnes of onion imports from Turkey and the consignments are expected in January next year. The company had placed an order for the first consignment of 6,090 tonnes of onion from Egypt which will be arriving at Nhava Sheva (JNPT), Mumbai in the second week of this month.

To monitor onion prices, a Group of Ministers, chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah, has already been constituted. Finance Minister, Consumer Affairs Minister, Agriculture Minister and Road Transport Minister are also members of this panel. A Committee of Secretaries (CoS) and Consumer Affairs Secretary is also constantly reviewing the situation.

Last month, the Union Cabinet approved importing 1.2 lakh tonnes of onion to improve the domestic supply. Exports have already been banned and a limit has been imposed on stock-holding for wholesalers and retailers for an indefinite period.

Prices to touch Rs.150 mark in Mysuru

Mysuru, Dec.2 (UNI) Onion prices, which are touching skies are expected to touch Rs. 150 per kg mark if the prevailing situation continues in the Mysuru region. The sky-rocketing prices of onions are making home-makers shed tears with shops witnessing 50 per cent to 60 per cent drop in sales.

Some traders said the prices are unlikely to become stable with fresh supplies from Maharashtra, one of the largest producers, yet to start. The fresh arrivals may take at least 15 to 20 days and the prices may continue to be on the higher side until the fresh supplies hit the markets.

''With substantial drop in sales, HOPCOMS has cut down its procurement from the wholesale markets. Sales have dropped by 50 per cent to 60 per cent in our outlets alone across Mysuru, and therefore procurement has been cut to half. It is difficult for us to keep stock without sales. Onions are sold at Rs. 120 a kg in our outlets,'' said Datta, Manager, HOPCOMS, Mysuru.

He said that HOPCOMS supplies veggies to many Government institutions and hostels besides the Mysuru Zoo. Despite the sharp rise in price, the supplies to these places have not been affected as they have asked us to continue with the same quantity. But the sales in our outlets have dropped. Those who were buying 1-2 kgs have reduced it to a quarter, he added.

At Devaraja Market, onions are available at contrasting prices depending on their quality and size. They are priced between Rs. 80 and Rs.120 a kg.

Mysore Hotel Owners' Association Narayana Gowda said the hotels, which largely bank on onions for dishes, are majorly affected. Some budget eateries have reduced the use of onion in their food. ''It is not a local issue, but the situation arose owing to the floods in Maharashtra and North Karnataka. We have to deal with the situation,'' he said.

Some veggie outlets warned, ''The price of top-grade onions may even touch Rs. 150, setting a new record.''

Indian Student Parliament's 10th Annual Conclave at New Delhi from Feb. 20 to 23

Mysuru, Dec.2 (KS)- The Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (Indian Student Parliament) will be holding its 10th Annual National Conclave of students from Feb.20 to 23 at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi.

Addressing a press conference at University of Mysore on Nov. 30, Indian Student Parliament Karnataka State Co-ordinator H.E. Abhishek said that the event will be inaugurated by Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju on Feb. 20 at 10 am at Vigyan Bhavan. About 1,800 student leaders from all States in the country would participate.

Continuing, he said that the Annual National Conclave will have eight different sessions covering various issues of national and international eminence where every session would be addressed by a Union Minister, Assembly Speaker of a State, Vice-Chancellor and three other eminent Speakers.

Topics to be discussed

The topics to be discussed at the Conclave are: Session 1: Learn Before You Lean - Following Social Media & Celebrities; Session 2: Caste to Class or Class to Caste - Where are we really moving?; Session 3: Combating Terrorism, Insurgency and Naxalism - Causes and Challenges; Session 4: Leaping to 5 Trillion Economy - Chances and Challenges; Session 5: A Billion and Still Growing - Has Hum 2 - Hamare 2 Worked?; Session 6: Can 'Young India Rise to Zero Hunger, Zero Poverty by 2030?; Session 7: India and Emerging World Order and Session 8: India in the Mirror - A Timeline of 7 Decades.

Apart from the eight academic sessions, the inauguration and valedictory sessions will be addressed by various luminaries in the field of media, politics, sports, judiciary, social activism and spirituality among others. The Conclave will be addressed by more than 150 eminent personalities from all walks of life.

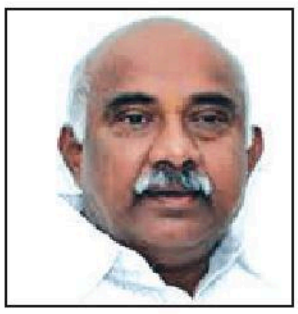
Awards to be given

The awards given at the Indian Student Parliament are: Aadarsh Mukhyamantri Award (Ideal Chief Minister); Ideal Legislative Assembly Speaker / Council Chairman Award; Aadarsha Yuva Vidhayak Puraskar (Ideal Youth Legislator Award) — Best Outstanding Performance in Development Work and Promotion of Parliamentary Democracy; Conferment of Yuva Adhyatmik Guru Puraskar (for Outstanding Contribution in Spiritual Renaissance of India and Promotion of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam) and Conferment of Uccha Shikshit Aadarsh Yuva Sarpanch Puraskar to Highly Educated Sarpanchs of different States of India for expression of Commitment towards roots.

Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (BCS) is the largest classroom in India to evolve future political leaders. It has transformed the outlook of youth and reaffirmed their respect for politics, political leaders, Democracy and its institutions. For information, visit *www.bharatiyachhatrasansad.org / mitsog.org / mitwpu.edu.in.*

POLL WATCH: HUNSUR ASSEMBLY SEGMENT

Tobacco district witnesses Triangular Fight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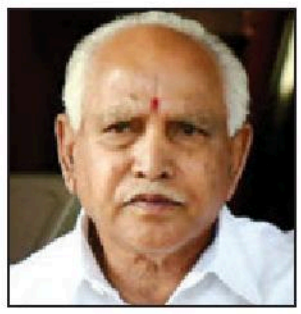

B.S. Yediyurappa

Mysuru, Dec. 2 (UNI)- Hunsur Assembly Constituency, the largest tobacco growing region in Karnataka is witnessing a triangular fight for the first time in the history of elections taking a break from otherwise what used to be a straight fight between traditional rivals Congress and Janata Dal (S).

Veteran politician and former JD(S) State President A.H. Vishwanath, who was disqualified for defying party whip, is now a BJP candidate for the Dec. 5 by-election to the State Legislative Assembly.

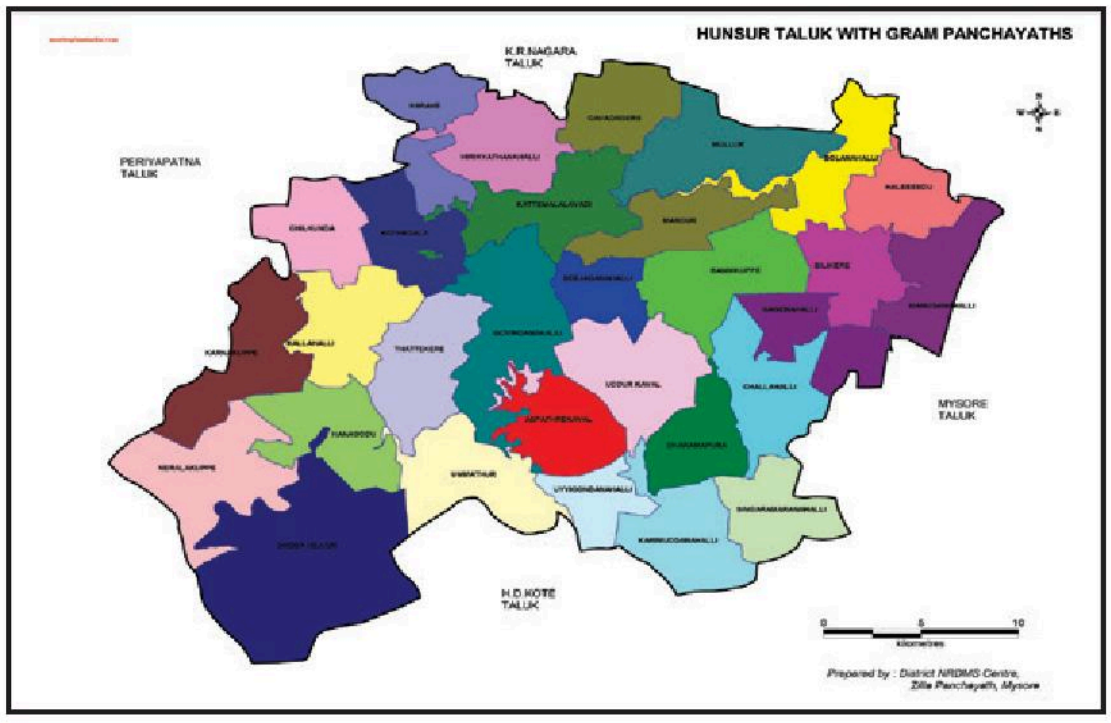
Vishwanath, who led a major plot to pull down Congress-JD(S) Coalition Government headed by Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy in last July, which also led to the disqualification of 17 MLAs (Congress 14, JD(S) 3) has now changed his loyalty to saffron party which he was hating all these years.

Vishwanath was a Hindutva critic

But the bigger challenge before him now is to secure a stamp of approval from the people of Hunsur on his political moves since they elected him in 2018, for his actions contributed to the installation of BJP Government led by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, while bringing down the Congress-JD(S) coalition Government.

Meanwhile, Vishwanath, for whom the stakes are quite high, is not taking the electoral challenge lightly. Once a strong critic of Hindutva politics, with new saffron avatar, he is trying to justify his ideological shift.

He is drawing a political parallel between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his political mentor the late former Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs for their "caste-less" background. He has come out with a "pre-poll promise" of carving out a new district and name it as Devaraj Urs District with Hunsur as the headquarters. However, it remains to be seen if the people of Hunsur will buy this narrative.



CONSTITUENCY AND STRATEGIES

- **A.H. Vishwanath led a major plot to pull down Congress-JD(S) coalition Government**
- **Vishwanath, a bitter critic of Hindutva politics, has now donned saffron avatar**
- **Thin margin in 2018 elections – Vishwanath JD(S) (91,667 votes), H.P. Manjunath (Cong) 83,092 votes**
- **Hunsur has sizeable Vokkaliga population that is loyal to JD(S)**
- **JD(S) leaders up in arms against Siddharamaiah, lessening Manjunath's prospects**
- **Congress is banking on minorities whose population is in fifth place**

Thin victory margin

During the Assembly elections in May 2018, Vishwanath won as a JD(S) candidate, polling 91,667 votes. But the margin of victory was just 8,575 votes as Congress candidate H.P. Manjunath, who had incidentally won in the 2008 and 2013 Assembly elections, came a close second securing 83,092 votes. J.S. Ramesh Kumar of the BJP had polled just 6,406.

BJP not a pushover

The Congress' strength in the region came to the fore even during the subsequent Lok Sabha elections earlier this year when the party established a lead over BJP in Hunsur. But the BJP, which is now in power both at the Centre and in the State, is no pushover in Hunsur. The party, which has a good organisational network and the support of frontal organisations, won Hunsur twice earlier — C.H. Vijayshankar in 1994 and V. Papanna (now no more) in 1999.

Amid the shaping of a keen electoral battle between the Congress and the BJP in the Constituency, the JD(S) has also queered the electoral pitch with Kumaraswamy clarifying that their entry into the fray is not merely to defeat Vishwanath, who ditched the party that decorated him with the post of State President, but to retain the Assembly segment.

JD(S) strategy

However, the party has fielded the lesser-known Devarahalli Somashekar as its candidate. But Hunsur is also home to a substantial Vokkaliga population that displays an affinity to the JD(S), which has won the seat twice so far — G.T. Devegowda in 2004 and Vishwanath in 2018.

Among the 10 candidates in the fray, the fight is between ex-MLAs Vishwanath and Manjunath of the BJP and Congress, respectively. First-time candidate Devarahalli Somashekar has been fielded from the JD(S). The by-poll is necessitated due to the resignation of Vishwanath, who was elected on a JD(S) ticket in the 2018 election. It was his first election from Hunsur segment in his 45-year political career. He belongs to the neighbouring K.R. Nagar segment.

Siddu is Manjunath's godfather

Initially, Manjunath seemed to have an edge, when the nomination papers were being filed. Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah, KPCC President Dinesh Gundu Rao, ex-Deputy CM Dr. G. Parameshwara and former Minister D.K. Shivakumar campaigned for him at different times.

However, Siddharamaiah is his 'godfather'. This factor is having a negative impact on his prospects. The voters of Kuruba community, the fourth largest in the segment, who supported Manjunath in the last election, are sore over Siddharamaiah, for causing the disqualification of a few community MLAs.

The Kuruba factor

The return of ex-MP Vijayashankar, a Kuruba leader to BJP, who had joined the Congress in 2018, is also helping Vishwanath, also a Kuruba. Manjunath does not have the support of his own community, the Arya Vaishyas, which has a microscopic population. JD(S) leaders, who are up in arms against Siddharamaiah, also do not want Manjunath to win. Though JD(S) has a score to settle with Vishwanath, who resigned from the party and joined BJP, the leaders are going slow on him.

Vokkaliga and Nayaka votes

Still, JD(S) leaders H.D. Kumaraswamy, H.D. Revanna and his son Prajwal are campaigning. Besides, the groundwork by ex-Minister C.P. Yogeshwar, who was an aspirant of BJP ticket here, has polarised a section of Vokkaligas, the second-largest ethnic group.

The voters of ST (Nayaka) community, who take a lead in celebrating Hanuma Jayanti and have an inclination towards BJP, have expressed their solidarity with Health and Family Welfare Minister B. Sriramulu. While a majority of the Lingayat voters are expected to vote for the BJP, the Congress is banking on minorities. Both their numbers are almost the same, in the fifth place.

The highest number of voters belongs to SC communities, who are not as vocal as others on their choice — the total number of voters in the Hunsur Constituency is over 2.16 lakh.

Peepal tree translocated from Agrahara to RIE campus

Mysuru, Dec. 2 (SBD&BCT)- Translocation of trees is an often performed task now considering the value of trees. Instead of cutting trees, they are translocated from one place to another along with roots.

Mysuru city was a witness to one such translocation of a 30-foot-long peepal tree from Agrahara Circle to the sprawling campus of Regional Institute of Education (RIE) near Manasagangothri on Bogadi Road on Friday. Soon after the tree was translocated, the employees of RIE Guest House cheered and have decided to build an "Arali Katte" around the tree and protect the same.

Building construction

The 11-year-old tree grew on a private land owned by one Puttamadaiah on 6th Cross that links New Sayyaji Rao Road and Agrahara. Puttamadaiah had purchased an old building which he had demolished to construct a complex. While demolition, there arose the necessity of cutting the peepal tree that was spreading its wide branches.

Jayashekhar, a resident of Agrahara and a volunteer of 'O2 NGO', who spoke to Puttamadaiah realised that the tree was about to face the axe. He decided to shift the tree as it has a potential to grow wider and taller and has a life of over 500 years. Also, the peepal tree is a good oxygen provider — a thing that is most needed now amidst urbanisation and loss of green cover.

Corporator contributes

Jayashekhar approached Ward No. 51 Corporator B.V. Manjunath. Later, officials decided to move the tree as a step towards tree preservation. Jayashekhar and Manjunath also met Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde to request for a 40x40 land for the tree to grow to its full potential.

The Peepal tree that has been shifted from Agrahara Circle (where it was destined to be cut) to the campus of Regional Institute of Education. The translocated tree will be under observation for a few days.

Hegde told them that he cannot grant the land unless it is sanctioned by the Deputy Commissioner who has the final say in this matter. Not stopping at this, a letter was written to the DC. Jayashekhar had the apprehension that Puttamadaiah might axe the tree even before permission for land is granted by the DC.

RIE readily obliges

Jayashekhar then approached Prof. Yajnamurthy Srikanth, the Principal of RIE, who immediately agreed to provide the required land on its vast campus. Soon, a team was working to remove the roots of the tree from soil one-by-one. The roots were carefully removed and no damage was caused. Roots that were accidentally or inevitably cut in the process were tied with polythene bags filled with soil so that the food supply to the tree was not cut off.

Shifting process

The Corporation had deployed eight staff for the process. Officials shifted the tree in an 80 feet lorry. Before shifting the tree it was ensured the roots were protected from damages. First, they dug the ground to seven feet and trimmed the branches.

The actual process of translocation began at 3 pm on Friday with the active cooperation of MCC, RTO, O2 NGO, Police and the RIE. The tree was mounted on the lorry with the help of a crane. The lorry had 10 wheels and it carried the tree in whole. Traffic Police ensured the smooth movement of the lorry by controlling traffic all the way from Agrahara till RIE that is usually a busy stretch.

Soil fertility retained

A 7-feet deep and 40X40 feet wide pit had been dug inside the RIE where the tree was translocated. Soil from the original land was brought to RIE location to ensure that there is no difference in soil quality and nutrients for the tree to absorb.

Mud was filled and the tree was made to stand in an operation that concluded at 7.30 pm. The tree will be under an observation for a few months. The translocation operation was also appreciated widely by residents.

Manjunath said: "Peepal trees have a lifespan of more than 500 to 1,000 years. It releases oxygen all the time and is good for the environment. Also, peepal trees are considered sacred and is found inside or near many temples," Manjunath said.

Birders identify 52 species of birds at Lingambudhi Lake

Mysuru, Dec.2- Arivu Shaikshanika Mattu Samskrutika Trust, Lingambudhipalya in city, had organised a bird-watching session on Saturday from Arivu School to Lingambudhi Lake.

Around 30 birders participated in the event and walked to the nearby Lingambudhi Lake surroundings. Participants also included a number of children who got first-hand experience of identifying bird species, their habitat and other knowledge related to flora and fauna.

Adjusting their binoculars, eager birders examined the birds preening, head wiping, pruning, food carrying and mobbing behaviours. Some of them who carried DSLR cameras adjusted the lens and clicked to capture the moment.

During the 80-minute walk along the Lake surroundings, the bird enthusiasts could identify 52 species of birds including Northern Shovelers, Garganeys, Spot-billed Pelicans, Barbets and a few birds of prey.

Resource persons Dr. A.P.C. Abhijit, Pawan Ramachandra and D.H. Tanuja guided the participants during the one-kilometre bird-watching session.

English poetry book released

Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti, Principal, Police Training Academy, Mysuru, is seen handing over the first copy of the book in English titled 'Intangible - A Poetic Meandering Through Time' written by Dr. Shruthi Karishma, a city doctor, to Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, SOM Columnist, at a book launch programme held at KBR Hall of Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club last evening. Others seen are Shubha Sanjay Urs (extreme right), Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 Founder and the author.

Hackathon on saving farm, forests

Mysuru, Dec.2 - The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), has constituted ESPIN - Electrical Students Project Inventory Network to provide a platform for innovative idea presentation, project development and presentation skills. As part of ESPIN, the Department had organised a 24-hour "State-level Hackathon" on "Save farming, save forest and save India" recently.

The main objective was to identify problems through the event "Ride for a Cause" which was held in October this year where students interacted with farmers of Nanjangud, Gundlupet and Bandipur and got an idea about challenges and problems. In continuation with this, the Department organised hackathon in order to find suitable solutions.

It was basically an event where problems are defined and specific time is given to students to come up with solutions. The solution may be in the form of hardware modules, software simulation or oral solution. This event provided a platform for students to enhance thinking capability, project building ability and communication.

The event was inaugurated by VVCE Principal Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda and the chief guests were organic farmer from Hunsur P.P. Thammaiah and Researcher, Agriculture and Environmental Sustainability M.K. Kailas Murthy.

Speakers focused on topics like role of engineers in manures, fertilisers and biocides, land sealing, soil degradation, water resources degradation, Irrigation and power supply system, protection of machineries, challenges of lack of electro-mechanisation, agricultural marketing, scarcity of capital and engineering as the enabler for existing agro eco systems.

Students were given 24 hours to develop the solution and they came up with hardware modules, software modules and electromechanical systems. In all, 16 teams consisting of 64 participants took part in the event from various colleges. Entrepreneur and alumni of VVCE Nuthan Prasanna provided technical assistance to the teams.

Guests for the valedictory were Dr. M.R. Ranganath, Professor, Smart Academy, Bengaluru and B. Sagar, Renewable Energy Consultant and Founder, Greenyuga, Bengaluru.

Channira Bansi Ponnappa
promoted as Lieutenant General

Madikeri, Dec.2- The hilly Kodagu district, which has a long and illustrious history of courageous top Defence officers, for which it is known as the 'Land of Army Generals', has added one more feather to its cap, with the promotion of Channira Bansi Ponnappa, AVSM (Ati Vishisht Seva Medal), as a Lieutenant General of the Indian Army.

Ponnappa

Ponnappa, who is currently serving as a Major General in the Indian Army, hails from Nangala village near Bittangala in Virajpet taluk of Kodagu district. He is married to Nitya Medappa (Keethiyanda).

With the promotion of Ponnappa as Lieutenant General, Kodava community gets the distinction of having three top command officers in the Indian Army.

The two others are Lieutenant General Pattacheruvanda C.Thimmaya, who is the 'Army Commander' and Lieutenant General Codanda P. Cariappa, who is serving as Military Secretary to the President of India.

In the past, Field Marshal Kodandera M.Cariappa and General Kodandera S. Thimayya from Kodagu held the topmost posts in the Army, while Apparanda Aiyappa, Codanda N.Somanna, Biddanda C. Nanda, Buttiyanda K.Bopanna and Ballachanda K.Chengappa served as Lieutenant Generals, the second topmost position.

Currently, Dr. Mahaveer Prasad is serving as Lieutenant General in the medical wing of the Army and Ichettira Uttaiah is serving as a Rear Admiral in the Indian Navy.

With the promotion of Bansi Ponnappa as Lieutenant General, a total of eleven officers from Kodagu have occupied top posts in the Army so far. This apart, Kodagu also boasts of having 20 Major Generals and four Air Marshals, which undoubtedly makes Kodagu, the Land of Generals.

Free Shopping Weekend
at Brand Factory from Dec.4

Mysuru, Dec.2- Brand Factory, the lifestyle discount store by Future Lifestyle Fashion, is back with its annual 'Free Shopping Weekend' from Dec. 4 to 8.

Providing impeccable offers, Brand Factory is giving customers a chance to shop worth Rs. 5,000 and pay only Rs. 2000 and even get that back through gift vouchers worth Rs. 1,200, apparel worth Rs. 500 and Rs. 300 cashback in Future Pay wallet, making shopping free!

Customers can shop from over 200-plus original National and International brands like Jack & Jones, Lee Cooper, Levis, Imara, ONLY, PEPE, Iktara, Adidas, Reebok, Skechers, Fila, American Tourister, V.I.P, Lino Perros, Lavie, Caprese and much more. Giving each customer a chance to shop with ease, the Free Shopping Weekend is India's only wide-reaching ticketed shopping event. Customers can pre-book their tickets at a minimal cost of Rs.250 (Premium Passes for two: for early entry to the store before 11am) and Rs. 100 (Classic passes for two: for entry post 11am), says Suresh Sadhwani, CEO, Brand Factory. Customers can book entry tickets on *insider.in* or *brandfactoryonline.com* or visit the nearest Brand Factory Store.

WORLD AIDS DAY-2019 ON DEC.1

Communities make the difference to end HIV epidemic

Dr. S.N. Mothi, Chairman, Asha Kirana Hospital.

The total number of people living with HIV (PLHIV) in India is estimated at 21.40 lakh (15.90 lakh - 28.39 lakh) in 2017. The adult HIV prevalence at National-level has continued its steady decline from an estimated peak of 0.38% in 2001-03 through 0.34% in 2007, 0.28% in 2012 and 0.26% in 2015 to 0.22% in 2017. *[NACO]*

Dr. S.N. Mothi, Chairman, Asha Kirana Hospital, Mysuru, the standalone 30-bedded Hospital for HIV/AIDS in the entire country, catering to the needs of over 10,000 patients, shares his experience on three decades of epidemic and two decades of service...

Communities of people living with and affected by HIV, along with peer educators, counsellors, community health workers, door-to-door service providers, civil society organisations and grass-roots activists, are leading and campaigning to ensure that the AIDS response remains relevant. They are fighting to keep people at the centre of decision-making and programme implementation and help to ensure that no one is left behind.

Communities make change happen

Communities are the best hope for ending AIDS because communities have fought against HIV right from the beginning!

As the epidemic raged through our countries, cities, villages, women held communities together and bore the higher burden of care for their families. For far too long we have taken their volunteerism for granted.

In the face of adversity, communities of gay men, sex workers and people who use drugs have organised themselves to claim their right to health as equal citizens. So, we know that communities have proved their worth. Without communities, 24 million people would not be on treatment today. Without communities led by women living with and affected by HIV, we would not be close to ending new HIV infections among children, raising orphans and caring for the sick.

Women were regarded as forgotten or overlooked group in AIDS epidemic. The scenario has changed in the recent years — From Why Women Weep... (WWW) - Now we look up to understand What Women Want!! (WWW)

Communities are a unique force behind the success of the HIV response. Of the 37.9 million people living with HIV at the end of 2018, 79% received testing, 62% received treatment, and 53% had achieved suppression of the HIV virus with reduced risk of infecting others.

On Dec.1, World AIDS Day-2019, WHO highlighted the difference these communities are making to end the HIV epidemic while drawing global attention to the need for their broader engagement in strengthening primary health care.

Let's be clear, defending human rights and challenging discrimination, criminalisation and stigma is risky work today. With communities in the lead and Governments living up to their promises, we will end AIDS.

With the objectives of promoting and supporting the services provided by the communities, Asha Kirana Hospital will be hosting **HIVe Mysore - 2020 National Conference on HIV/AIDS** on Feb.8 and 9. This Annual Update will be attended by ART (Antiretroviral Therapy) Centre Medical Officers, Private Practitioners, Counsellors, HIV/AIDS Network Groups, Policy makers from LGBT Communities.

Mysuru District to become AIDS-free during 2020-23

Mysuru, Dec.2(RKB&US)- Marking World AIDS Day, a programme was held under the aegis of Farooquia College of Pharmacy, District Administration, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society, District AIDS Control Cell, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) and Indian Medical Association (IMA) Mysuru Branch at the College premises here this morning.

Inaugurating the programme, DLSA Member-Secretary B.P. Devamane observed that today's fast life has made people go after medication frequently. He hence suggested people to develop patience and friendly behaviour to keep the mind cool and avoid medication. He contended that legal awareness was poor even in city which should improve.

Briefing the gathering, District AIDS Control Officer Dr. Ravi recalled that the National Programme on AIDS Prevention was launched in 2005 when Mysuru District had 15,218 cases of AIDS which has dropped to 548 during 2019-20 which indicate a good awareness among people. He disclosed that three Anti-retroviral Treatment (ART) Centres have been opened at KR Hospital, JSS Hospital and Asha Kirana Hospital together with ten link ART Centres in rural areas to provide good counselling also. He added that several NGOs too were providing assistance. Stating that Red Ribbon Groups have been formed at 304 Colleges, he expressed confidence in evolving an AIDS-free District during 2020-23.

State IMA Vice-President Dr. Suresh Rudrappa. Department of Health and Family Welfare Deputy Director Dr. H. Ramachandra, Assistant Director Dr. B.S. Pushpalatha, Family Welfare Officer Dr. Siraj Ahmed and others were present. Earlier to that, the students of the College took out an awareness rally in Tilaknagar.

Intensified Mission Indradhanush 2.0 programme launched in city

Week-long door-to-door immunisation drive from tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 2 (RKB&KS) - In a bid to achieve the target of full immunisation, the District Health and Family Welfare Department launched an Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0 programme, with Regional Assistant Director of the Health Department Dr. Pushpalatha administering vaccine to seven children at the Tent School in Abdul Kalam Nagar in Bannimantap here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Pushpalatha said ASHA workers were assigned the task of collecting information on the block-wise target of children and pregnant women to be vaccinated during the IMI drive and also the coverage data during the rounds of activity. Based on the data collected, the Department has identified 283 high risk areas in the district, where 1,694 children and 466 pregnant women remained untouched by the Immunisation Programme.

She further said that 354 Centres have been opened in the district to administer vaccine and added that the volunteers would visit the houses of those identified in 283 High Risk areas and administer vaccine to them from tomorrow except on Dec. 5 and 7. Vaccine will also be administered at all the 354 Centres and Government Hospitals every Thursday.

The drive will be held in four stages — from Dec. 3, Jan. 6, 2020, Feb. 3 and March 2.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. R. Venkatesh, Taluk Health Officer Dr. Mahadevaprasad, IMA State Vice-President Dr. Suresh Rudrappa, MCC Health Officer Dr. H. Ramachandra, District Women and Child Development Department Deputy Director K. Padma, District RCH Officer Dr. L. Ravi, District Health Education Officer Prakash and others were present.

Battery-operated vehicle at Brindavan Gardens

Mysuru, Dec.2 (Vinay Karekura, RK&DM)- Following public demand, the Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL), which manages the KRS (Krishnaraja Sagar)Dam in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district, has introduced battery-operated vehicle service at Brindavan Gardens for the benefit of elderly citizens and specially abled persons. The service introduced four days ago, is operated by Bengaluru-based KCIC, which has bagged the tender for gate collections.

At present, only one battery-operated vehicle, with a ten-seat capacity, is in service and more such vehicles will be introduced depending upon the response in the coming days.

A fee of Rs.100 per head is charged for the vehicle users. The vehicle will be available for service from 8 am to 8 pm on all week days and from 8 am to 9 pm on weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) and other public holidays.

Meanwhile, CNNL officials said that five wheelchairs too are available at the Dam, in order to enable the disabled visitors to view the magnificent Brindavan Gardens at KRS. These can be used for free. Five more wheelchairs will be made available in the coming days depending upon the response, they added.

City's first iron woman

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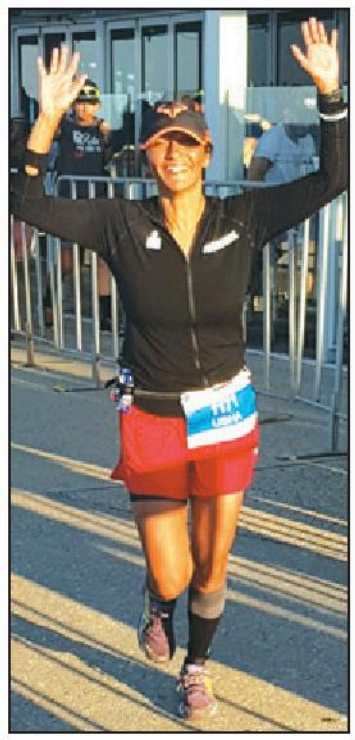

Dr. Usha Hegde secured 907th place among 1169 participants and she got 164th place among 229 women participants. In her age group of 45 to 49 years, she secured 26th place out of 32 participants. In swimming, (3.8 km) she took 01.48.04 to complete, In cycling (180 km), she clocked 07.46.20 and in the final run (42.2 km), she clocked 04.34.19.

Dr. Usha Hegde is a dentist and Head of the Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology, Department at JSS Dental College in city.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* from Australia this noon, an elated Dr. Usha Hegde, a certified Ironman coach, said that she was happy to achieve this gruelling feat. "More than 35 to 40 Indians participated in the Ironman Western Australia and I was the only one from Mysuru," she said.

Dr. Usha, who has been running marathons for five years now, said that she trained for this triathlon for nearly three years till she could make the qualifying time.

Dr. Usha is the wife of Dr. Ajay Hegde, a renowned Orthopaedician in city. Dr. Usha has two sons Akarsh Hegde and Aryav Hegde.

Dr. Ajay Hegde accompanies her in every event and has been a great support to her. "He has stood behind me to pursue my passion for fitness and Ironman challenges," she said.

Usha Hegde's achievement comes just days after Five Mysureans — Veera Manikanta, Abdul Hannan Khan, Dr. Sujeeth Shetty, B.N. Sudindra and Manju Ganesh — participated and successfully completed 'Ironman 70.3,' India's first triathlon race held in Goa on Oct.20 this year.

Digging by OFC firms leaves city roads in a mess

Mysuru, Dec.2 (RK&BCT)- Incessant digging of roads across the city to lay Optical Fibre Cables (OFCs) has caused major inconvenience to city residents and commuters on busy roads especially during peak hours.

They are facing a lot of problems due to the continuous damage being caused to the roads. The roads are being dug to lay OFCs by Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd (RJIL) and the company has paid over Rs.17 crore to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) as digging fees.

Agencies attached to the private telecom company are using Horizontal Directional Drilling Method to lay cables where one to two foot square pits are dug. In all, 174.63 kilometres will be dug within the city limits to lay the cables. The MCC approved the project in its Council meeting on 27.08.2019. After the pit is dug, drilling machines are used to drill holes and lay the cables.

Digging specification

As per the conditions imposed by the MCC, the pits must be dug closed fully to retain the original shape of the road by using jelly stones and asphalt. But this important condition is being violated with roads left with gaping holes and uneven surfaces.

Digging work has begun all over the city 24x7 and in the first phase, work is going on in Vijayanagar, Hebbal, JLB Road, Gokulam, Yadavagiri and other nearby areas. Other parts of the city will be covered in the second and third phases. Sadly, many newly-laid roads are being dug up, making a mess of it.

Pipes damaged

While laying cables, other cables of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Company (CESC), Cauvery pipes laud by Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) and UGD lines laid by the MCC are being damaged and VVWW engineers have admitted the same to *Star of Mysore.*

When asked about the problem, MCC senior officials, who wished to be anonymous, said that they will direct the zone and ward engineers to ensure that the roads are retained in their original condition.

MCC job to coordinate

"The MCC must coordinate with various telecoms to build a shared duct through which they can lay their cables. This can be done one-time and no digging will be required time and again. Digging *per se* costs lot of money for the service providers as well. The cost of laying the permanent duct, if shared among the providers, will be less than what they pay for the digging permission," say residents.

"MCC prefers to grant multiple digging permission since it generates more revenue and cause huge inconvenience to the public in turn. This will also cost a lot to the exchequer as the roads have to be laid frequently because of constant digging," they added.

Frequent digging

Suresh Nayak, a regular commuter on Yadavagiri Road to reach his office in Bannimantap, says: "This is maddening. Every six months they come and dig up the roads. Sometimes even the Cauvery water pipes get damaged, other wires gets cut. This kind of rampant digging for laying OFC cables needs to be curbed."

"After the work, they are supposed to repair the road and leave. Some do not even do that. The ward engineer is supposed to monitor that they finish the work and then repair the road. But, there is an understanding between the Corporators and they do not do it," he alleged.

Too many cables

Residents say that the issue is that the MCC does not maintain a map of the underground assets and there are too many cables buried inside.

"Each provider should be asked to provide the map of the underlying asset and the MCC needs to maintain it. I believe there is software available for creating such maps and helping to visualise what lies underneath and at what depth and routing. The MCC and the road digging agencies must follow this technology," says Shruthi Krishna who works at an office on JLB Road.

Thousands attend Shashti Jatra at Siddalingapura

Mysuru, Dec.2 (MTY&DM)- Braving the morning chill, thousands of devotees from different parts of the State thronged the famed Sri Subramanyeshwara Swamy Temple at Siddalingapura on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, for the annual Shashti Jatra today.

Subramanya Shashti is a big festival in the *Margashira Maasa* dedicated to Lord Subramanya. The Shashti rituals began as early as 1 am, with a team of priests led by the Temple Chief Priest M.V. Subramanya performing *Rudrabhisheka, Sahasranamarchane, Ashtavadhana Seve* etc., even as thousands of devotees queued up for paying obeisance to Lord Subramanya, the presiding deity.

The temple authorities had brought the six-foot tall *Nagabharana,* from the District Treasury last night itself for worship. Devotees were seen offering milk and other puja articles at numerous ant-hills around the temple.

A grand *Rathotsava* marked the festival, with devotees offering prayers, as the *Ratha* moved to the Shiva Temple nearby and returned to Sri Subramanyeshwara Temple. The rituals will continue till late night today.

City Police had made elaborate security arrangements for the occasion. The Police have restricted traffic movement on the busy Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway for 24 hours from Sunday midnight to Monday midnight. Vendors selling food items, puja items and other articles have set up makeshift shops around the temple.

In Mysuru City

Special pujas marking Subramanya Shashti were performed at many prominent temples across the city including Subramanya Swamy Temple at Hanumanthanagar, Amrutheshwara Temple on Dewan's Road, Kadumalleshwara Temple near the DC's Office, Chandramouleshwara Temple at Mathru Mandali Circle and Bandanthamma Temple in Kuvempunagar.

Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

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Significance of main door

The compass direction east has a lot of significance as it is the direction of sun rise and represents the quintessence of all beings which provides benefits such as generating Ultraviolet (UV) rays triggering production of Vitamin D in the body when the skin is exposed to the morning sun. It acts as a purifier, killing germs and disease-carrying bacteria

Understanding the science of Feng Shui and Vastu, adapting it in the design of homes calls for precision combined with tasteful aesthetics. When we look at a building, the first impression we derive determines the kind of energy existing within it and you get a feel about the lifestyle of the occupants too. Designing and placing the main door and frame is an essential part of a building-construction and hence adapting the right dimensions, material and position ensures that the house is not deprived of good energy which would in turn affect the occupants over a period of time.

Main door is the most important area in a building; both Vastu and Feng Shui attach great importance not just for the position but also for the auspicious time to place the frame and door during construction.

The position of the main door is quite critical as each compass direction has exalted or positive direction or debilitated or negative directions. Hence, one needs to take extra care while designing the home to ensure that the main door is in the exalted position.

The front door is considered as the mouth of the 'Vastu Purusha' (the protecting deity in Vastu). The mouth is the largest orifice in human body and hence, the front door in a home should be large and inviting the same philosophy holds good in Feng Shui too.

The ideal height for a door should be approximately three times the width of the door. If the shortcoming is noticed in the door, the immediate need is not to go for replacement right away or the remedy lies in giving an artful decorative treatment along the margin zone around the main frame to make it stand out and speak for itself as most prominent.

The main door frame must be provided with a threshold (door sill) at the bottom. This serves as a safety measure against the trespassing insects, rodents and reptiles which are otherwise invited by the passage lurking in the space, howsoever small, between the shutter and the floor where the sill is not provided.

The missing fourth side of the frame which rests firmly on the floor represents the element composed of fulfilment, wholesomeness and stability so a main door frame which is four sided is considered very good and is even better if it has a windows on either side.

It is considered auspicious if the entrance to the property and the main door of the house are on the same side and it is inauspicious if the main door to the house is on the opposite side to the entrance of the property. Water body or underground tank, septic tank (sewage tank) or canal under the main entrance is a taboo and is said to cause loss of wealth and triggers sickness to the occupants.

Most homes adapt symbols around the main door to ward of bad luck and usher in protection and good energy into the homes. The statue or image of the elephant or even a round granite ball on either sides of the entry or pathway is said to hold back auspicious energy from rolling out of the home and protect the main door and house from negative afflictions.

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B.S. Pandit Memorial Concert at GSSSIETW

Sudha Ragunathan presents grand vocal recital

Sudha Ragunathan performing at GSSSIETW on KRS Road in city recently. She is accompanied by N.C. Bharadwaj on mridanga, R. Raman on morching and Charumathi Raghuraman on violin.

By Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

In memory of **B.S. Pandit**, the great educationalist, visionary and founder of GSSS Institutions, a grand vocal recital by the very popular **Sudha Ragunathan** was organised by his daughter at GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW) on KRS Road on the 16th of November. She was accompanied by **Charumathi Raghuraman** on violin, **N.C. Bharadwaj** on mridanga and **R. Raman** on morching.

B.S. Pandit

Sudha's concerts have become rare these days perhaps because of which a large number of audience had gathered to listen to her music.

Sudha has earned a huge name in the music industry. That she is the favourite disciple of M.L. Vasanthakumari (MLV) has added to her fame.

Though her easy flowing style and the honeyed melody were missing in her voice, the concert did not fail to lose its attraction.

The concert was a mixture of compositions from various composers. A major part of it included Karnataka composers. Muttiah Bhagavatar's Daru varna in kamas 'Mate malayadhwaja pandya sanjate' led to Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar's Athana composition 'Shree maha Ganapatim Bhajeham,' which also found interesting swara patterns. Purandara Dasa's 'Jaya Jaya Janakikanta' of MLV fame in Nata was also ornamented with swaras.

Hindola Ragalapana was unhurried and treated with extreme care and delicacy, in contrast with her former energetic style. Mysore Vasudevacharya's good old composition 'Mamavatu Sri Saraswati' was rendered well with also a neraval at 'Komalakara Saroja Dhrutaveena.' Kalpana swaras at 'Saraswati' proved the creativity of the artiste. Poorvkalyani, the main attraction of the evening, could have been more elaborate. 'Parama Pavana Rama Paapavimochana' by Ramanathapuram Srinivasa Iyengar, Swaras at 'Kanakambaradhara' had variety and skill.

Charumathi was fully supportive throughout. Taniyavartanam by Bharadwaj and Raman was interesting. Raman's jatis without the usage of hands was particularly engaging.

The last half an hour of the concert brought Sudha to her original form, wherein the confidence level was high. Requests poured in. While a shloka in Yaman Kalyani leading onto Purandara Dasa's 'Harismarane Mado Nirantara' brought memories of her Guru, 'More to Giridhara Gopala' of MS fame and 'Brahma Okate Para Brahma Okate' drew immense applause. 'Venkatachalanilayam' by Purandara Dasa and a tillana in Brindava Saranga by Balamuralikrishna concluded the concert.

A section of the audience.

South Zone Inter-University Cricket Tournament for Men 2019-20

Sai Rahul helps ANU to skittle out KUHS

Mysuru, Dec.2- Inspiring bowling performance by medium-pacer K.P. Sai Rahul (5-1-12-5), helped **Acharya Nagarjuna University (ANU),** Guntur, to skittle out **Kerala University of Health Sciences (KUHS),** Thrissur, for a paltry 48 in 18.3 overs in the South Zone Inter-University Men's Cricket Tournament 2019-20 match played at Gangothri Grounds here yesterday. ANU scored the required runs for no loss (49/0) in 5.4 overs and entered the second round of the Tournament conducted by University of Mysore (UoM).

K.P. Sai Rahul

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First Round

KUHS, Thrissur: 48 in 18.3 overs (K.P. Sai Rahul 5/12, C.H. Siddhardha 3/7) lost to **ANU, Guntur:** 49/0 in 5.4 overs (K. Kranthi Kiran 27 n.o.).

Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT), AP: 59 in 16.3 overs (Saravanan Palani 4/4, Divakar Ramesh 3/20) lost to **Vels University, Pallavaram:** 63/2 in 9.3 overs (L. Senthil Kumar 34 n.o.).

Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences (KNRUHS), Warangal: 142 in 23.3 overs (Sai Praneeth Amaresh 29, Fruqan Mujahid 23, S. Share Shujawanth 4/22, J. Pandian 2/26) lost to **Saveetha Institute of Medical And Technical Sciences (SIMATS), Chennai:** 144/6 in 13.2 overs (K.V. Mahesh Babu 56, S. Sayed Basha 42, N.G. Karthik 4/20).

Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational & Research Institute (RKMVERI), Coimbatore: 93 in 24.4 overs (S. Rajesh Kannan 25, Suhas C. Shekar 3/14, S. Shashank Sagar 2/17, Vatsal Jain 2/14) lost to **Christ University, Bengaluru:** 94/2 in 14.5 overs (Vignesh Vasastry 36 n.o., Ryan Ahmed Hussain 20).

Gandhigram Rural Institute (GRI), Dindigul: 76/9 in 25 overs (Swarnrej Narayan Salian 4/7, A.N. Shreyas 2/17) lost to **Mangalore University, Mangaluru:** 79/0 in 8.2 overs (P.C. Arun Monappa 52 n.o.).

Alagappa University, Karaikudi: 169/7 in 25 overs (N. Nagarjun 52, Inbarasu Shivakumar 30, Mugesh Manimaran 27 n.o., L.R. Suresh 3/34) bt **University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Raichur:** 61 in 17.5 overs (Karthik Ponnan 4/10, Rajesh Maniaran 2/11).

REVA University, Bengaluru: 143/9 in 25 overs (Shalok Gangatkar 40, Deepak Shankar 28, Shreehari P. Madyalkar 25, B. Sudarsan 4/27, M. Naveen 2/14) lost to **Yogi Vemana University (YVU), Kadapa:** 144/7 in 24.4 overs (K.S. Sudeer Kumar 46, P. Jaffer Ali Khan 46, R.Y. Pavan 2/28, Gaurav Kottary 2/25).

Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajahmundry: 104 in 23.4 overs (K. Eshwar Rao 21, Sahil Abdul 3/27, Arun Sadannavar 2/16) lost to **Karnatak University, Dharwad:** 106/1 in 11.3 overs (Roshan M. Javali 59 n.o., Sudhanwa Kulkarni 29).

Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU), Kottaytam: 157/7 in 25 overs (Vishnu Mohan 56, Anuj Jotin 41, Ashutosh Gowda 2/20, B.U. Shivakumar 2/30, Shubham Singh 2/23) lost to **PES University, Bengaluru:** 158/7 in 24.3 overs (N. Rohan 55 n.o., Shubham Singh 25, R. Bhadrinarayan 22, B.U. Shivakumar 22, Bovas M. Justin 2/27, Sanju Sanjeev 2/15).

One of the matches of South Zone Inter-University Cricket Tournament for Men 2019-20 being played at Maharaja's College Grounds in city.

City Chess Champs

FROM LEFT: ***Nithyashree Lokesha, Prasiddhi Bhat and M.N. Spurthi.***

Mysuru, Dec. 2- The students of Acharya Vidya Kula, Mysuru, have excelled in Chess Tournaments held recently.

In the Karnataka State School Chess Championship 2019 sponsored by Ramaiah Memorial Hospital held at Bengaluru, M.N. Spurthi has secured the II place and Nithyashree Lokesha has secured the IV place in the U-12 Girls category and Prasiddhi Bhat has secured the IV place in the U-14 girls category.

In the Chess Tournament conducted by First Move Trust in Mysuru, Prasiddhi Bhat secured the I place and M.N. Spurthi secured the IV place in the U-14 Girls category and Nithyashree Lokesha secured the I place in the U-17 category.

Sisters Shine

Dhatri Umesh and Diya Umesh of Mysuru bagged top prizes in OCA - Dr. Raja Ramanna Inter-School Chess Tournament organised by Old Cottonians Association (OCA) of Bishop Cotton School, Bengaluru, in association with United Karnataka Chess Association (UKCA), at Bishop Cotton School in Bengaluru recently.

The Tournament was open to students from 1st Standard to 12th Standard in five categories for both boys and girls.

Dhatri and Diya got first prize in Category A and Category C respectively.

Dhatri, who is two times State runner-up won 5 out of 7 rounds and became the Champion. Diya (7 years) lost the first round and bounced back immediately by recording 6 victories back to back. She won against Illon from Auromirra International School in the last round and emerged as Champion.

In all, 400 participants from 160 schools across the State participated in the Tournament.

Daughters of Umesh and Brunda Umesh of Mysuru, the duo are the students of National Public School, Mysuru and are trained at Mysore Chess Centre.

Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy

Team Karnataka retains title, defeats TN in nail-biting final

Surat, Dec. 2- Skipper Manish Pandey led from the front with a sublime half-century before the bowlers produced a team effort to help Karnataka defend their title, beating Tamil Nadu by one run in a thrilling final of the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 tournament in Surat yesterday.

Sent into bat, Karnataka made a challenging 180 for five, riding on skipper Manish Pandey's 45-ball unbeaten 60 and useful contribution from Rohan Kadam (35), Devdutt Padikkal (32) and K.L. Rahul (22). Karun Nair also made a fine 8-ball 17 to help his side's cause.

And then Karnataka bowlers dished out a fine death over bowling display to restrict Tamil Nadu to 179 for six in their 20 overs.

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Portion of caved-in Shivaji Road posing danger to motorists

A portion of the busy Shivaji Road, which has caved-in two months ago, is not repaired and is posing danger to motorists as well as pedestrians. Residents said that though the civic authorities inspected the caved-in portion of the road, no action has been taken till date and have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the road repaired at the earliest.

Plea to asphalt Hebbal Industrial Area Main Road

Uneven, unasphalted and slush-filled Hebbal Industrial Area Main Road leading to Cauvery Ford, Akshaya Benz and other major logistics and industries, is in a pathetic state. Several incidents of two-wheeler riders falling and injuring themselves and four-wheelers getting stuck in the slush resulting in vehicle owners summoning crane to pull their vehicles are taking place since months. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the road asphalted at the earliest.

Kalidasa Road cries for attention

Chandrakala Hospital - Kannada Sahitya Parishat Road Junction crying for attention.

Mysuru, Dec.2 (BMC&DM)- The Kalidasa Road, which is the busiest and the most popular road that draws the line between Vontikoppal and Jayalakshmipuram, has turned into a poor shape, with potholes dotting the road.

Little walking space on the footpath along both sides of the road has made pedestrians insecure, as they always face the risk of being hit by a passing vehicle. The lack of sign and warning boards and the unscientific road humps has made the problem worse.

The extended portion of Kalidasa Road starts from Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple in Vijayanagar First Stage and ends close to Cheluvamba Park, running up to a distance of about 3 kms. The road is a highly commercial one with hundreds of shops and other business and commercial establishments located on both sides of the road.

Thousands of vehicles travel on this road everyday and the innumerable potholes are a nightmare to motorists and pedestrians alike. The house of Chamundeshwari MLA and former Minister G.T. Devegowda is situated along this road in Vijayanagar First Stage. However, the condition of the road was no better when GTD was a Minister in the previous Coalition Government, as potholes were not filled up and repaired.

Thanks to huge potholes, the road has become dangerous for motorists, especially two-wheeler riders as they come across potholes soon after crossing a road hump. Four-wheeler vehicle drivers too face a tough time in negotiating the potholes and unscientifically erected road humps.

The road is a very important one for businessmen and officials as well as there are many banks and institutions along the road. Kotak Mahindra Bank, ICICI Bank, SBI, Bank of Maharashtra, HDFC and other financial institutions, famous hotels and restaurants and other eateries, branded clothes shops, mobile phone shops are located on this road.

The road humps on this road are deceptive for motorists, especially for first time users, as they do not have Zebra markings. With the authorities turning a blind eye to the poor state of this very important commercial road, the motorists and pedestrians are left cursing. With problems aplenty, the motorists blame the negligence of the authorities for poor maintenance of the road. Although repair and pothole filling up works have been taken up, they are of sub-standard quality and as a result, the condition of the road returns to worse whenever there is heavy rains.

As MLAs and other top people representatives travel by luxurious cars, they do not experience the hardships faced by a common man travelling on the road.

It is high time that the local area Corporator take interest and ensure quality repair and asphalting works. The citizens too are losing interest in complaining, as their many pleas earlier seeking repair works were not heard.

Echoing the sentiments of local residents, Ramesh, an auto driver, said that the deep potholes on this once beautiful road worries him. The vehicles passing on this road face the threat of breakdown, thanks to potholes and unscientific road humps.

As such, he does not want to ply his auto on this road as he is worried about the tyres of his vehicle, he said and added that it was high time that the authorities woke up and take immediate measures to fix the problems.

Kalidasa Road one-way extended up to Chandrakala Hospital junction

Mysuru, Dec.2 (KS)- In a bid to ease traffic congestion and frequent traffic jam on the busy Kalidasa Road, the Mysuru City Police have extended the one-way rule on the stretch up to Chandrakala Hospital Junction (Kannada Sahitya Parishat Junction).

An order in this regard has been issued by City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna on Nov.30. As per the order, all type of vehicles plying from Kannada Sahitya Parishat - Kuvempu Trust Junction should take right turn towards Gen. K.S. Thimayya Road to reach Hunsur Road via Aishwarya Petrol Bunk Circle.

Those motorists traversing to and from Jayalakshmipuram, V.V. Mohalla and Gokulam will have to use the available cross roads and proceed further as movement of vehicles from Kuvempu Trust Junction to Panchavati Circle is totally banned.

Rivers are lifeline of our country: Suttur Seer

Kushalnagar, Dec.2- "Rivers are lifeline of our country. We need to protect them," urged Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji.

He was speaking at 'Cauvery Nadi Habba-2019' organised by Cauvery River Trust in association with Cauvery Maha Aarati Balaga and Cauvery Nadi Swachhata Samiti in Kushalnagar near Ayyappa Swamy Temple.

The 100th Aarti was performed to the River Cauvery and hundreds of devotees took part in the ceremony.

"The pristine Vrishabhavathi river of Bengaluru has now turned into a drain. Our youth have the responsibility of ensuring that River Cauvery would not suffer the same fate. We need to save water and save our rivers," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Retired Deputy Director-General of Geological Survey of India (GSI), Dr. H.S.M. Prakash said, "Cauvery Nadi Habba is a new concept which aims to create awareness among people regarding the importance of protecting the rivers."

Kodlipete Kirikodli Mutt Seer Sri Sadashiva Swamiji inaugurated the event. Cauvery Nadi Swachhata Andolana Samithi State Convenor M.N. Chandramohan delivered the keynote address.

A souvenir titled 'Namami Cauvery' was also released on the occasion.

Eco Club of National Green Corps had organised an awareness rally in which a large number students from Kushalnagar schools and colleges took part.

The rally, which began from Kushalanagar Government Model Primary School premises, was flagged-off by District Nodal Officer of the Eco Club T.G. Premkumar. Students of Kudige Kodagu Sainik School, Fathima High School, Atturu Jnanaganga School, Wisdom College and Student Police Cadet members of Government High School and PU College participated in the rally.

A special bhajan and cultural programmes were also held and later, during the night, the activists performed Aarti to the river. Ammattikanne Mutt Seer Sri Channabasava Deshikendra Swamiji, Torenuru Virakta Mutt Seer Sri Mallesha Swamiji, Town Panchayat Members Sheikh Khalimulla, Suresh, Cauvery Nadi Swachhata Andolana Members H.T. Anil, S.S. Sampath Kumar, Reena Prakash, Chief Officer of Kushalnagar Panchayat D.R. Somashekar, Bose Monnappa, Vanita Chandramohan of Arati Balaga, M.N. Kumaraswamy, Veerashaiva Mahasabha District President H.V. Shivappa and others were present.

'Cauvery Nadi Habba-2019' held at Kushalnagar

Devaraja Police arrest chain-snatcher

Recover Rs.2 lakh worth gold chain

Mysuru, Dec.2 (MK&KS)- Devaraja Police have arrested a 23-year-old youth on charges of snatching gold chain and have recovered a 60 grams gold chain worth Rs.2 lakh from him.

The accused is Harish, a resident of Hemmige village in Hunsur taluk. He was arrested when he was attempting to sell the stolen gold chain at a jewellery shop on Ashoka Road.

Accused Harish, on Nov.29, had snatched the gold chain of Lakshmi, a teacher, near Metropole Circle and had fled from the spot.

Devaraja Police, who had registered a case, arrested Harish, who has been remanded to judicial custody, according to Inspector Prasanna Kumar.

Obituary

Patel K. Siddamallappa

Chamarajanagar, Dec.2- Patel K. Siddamallappa (76), former Kotalawadi Gram Panchayat President in the taluk, passed away at a private hospital in Mysuru on Sunday, following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, son Somalingappa, a Congress leader, daughter-in-law Shashikala Somalingappa, a Gram Panchayat Member, daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Kotalawadi this afternoon, according to family sources.

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Pronunciation: EK-skull-payt.
Meaning: To clear from alleged fault or guilt.
Origin: You need not take the blame if you're unfamiliar with the origins of exculpate, and we would be glad to enlighten you, if that's the case. The word, which was adopted in the 17th century from Medieval Latin exculpatus, traces back to the Latin noun culpa, meaning "blame." Some other descendants of culpa in English include culpable ("meriting condemnation or blame") and inculpate ("incriminate"), as well as the considerably rarer culpatory ("accusing") and disculpate (a synonym of exculpate). You may also be familiar with the borrowed Latin phrase mea culpa, which translates directly as "through my fault" and is used in English to mean "a formal acknowledgment of personal fault or error."
Example: But the longer and more often you misremember something, the truer it becomes. Misremembering a bad thing as less bad might liberate a survivor, but it also might exculpate a perpetrator. — Margaret Lyons

THE ODD WORD

Edapha

Organisms living in soil.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Even at the turning of the tide

Meaning: The 'turning of the tide' is literally the change of the tide from incoming to outgoing, or vice-versa. Normally the phrase is used to denote some change from a previously stable course of events.
Origin: From Shakespeare's Henry V, 1598:
Hostess:
Nay, sure, he's not in hell: he's in Arthur's bosom, if ever man went to Arthur's bosom. A' made a finer end and went away an it had been any christom child; a' parted even just between twelve and one, even at the turning o' the tide: for after I saw him fumble with the sheets and play with flowers and smile upon his fingers' ends, I knew there was but one way; for his nose was as sharp as a pen, and a' babbled of green fields.

QUOTE BOX

Just because the tide is out, doesn't mean there is less water in the ocean.— **Seth Godin**

RIDDLE THIS

What's always coming but never arrives?

Answer : Tomorrow.

SUDOKU

2							5	
					3	9	6	
9	6	4		5				8
				6	9			
	8						7	
			7	1				
6				7		4	1	5
	9	5	3					
	7							6

Answer to previous puzzle

2	3	5	9	6	8	1	7	4
4	1	8	2	5	7	6	9	3
9	6	7	1	4	3	2	5	8
7	5	3	8	2	4	9	1	6
1	2	9	6	3	5	4	8	7
8	4	6	7	1	9	5	3	2
6	8	2	3	9	1	7	4	5
5	7	1	4	8	6	3	2	9
3	9	4	5	7	2	8	6	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

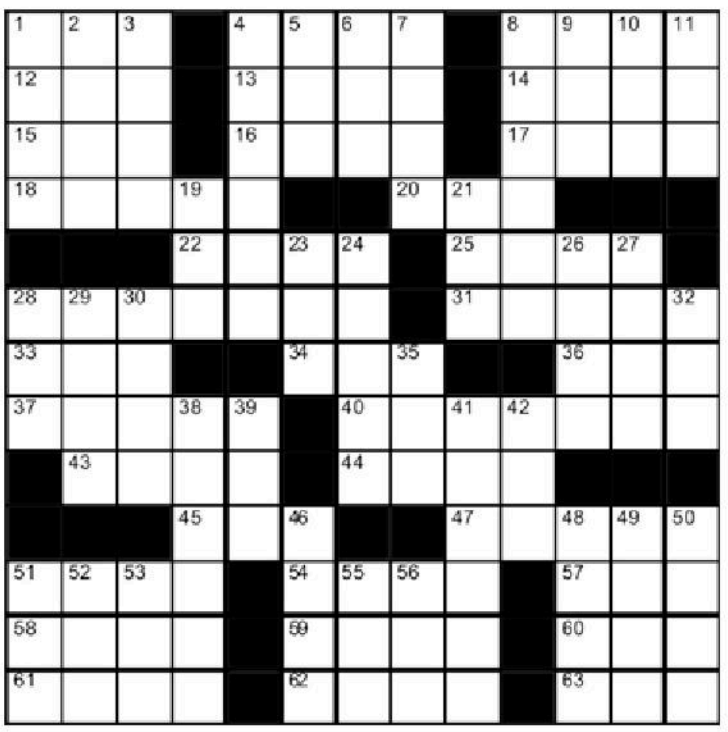
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Russian Fed. member
4 All bridge tricks, or almost
8 Fermented honey
12 Addressee
13 English exclamation (1,3)
14 Disentangle
15 Girl's name - "Ann" changed?
16 Highland skirt
17 Large mice
18 Up the ___ : in difficulty or in trouble?
20 Coal carrier
22 The vertical conveyor in a building
25 "Reap" anagram for a fruit?
28 Shine, sparkle or twinkle
31 More real, less false
33 Long fish
34 A form of verb "to be"
36 North North East
37 Slightly wet
40 Surgeon's small scraping instrument
43 Carpentry pin
44 Ship's base
45 National Coal Board, abbr.
47 ___ and crossed bones : the danger sign?
51 Ship's prison
54 Ketu's counterpart in Indian folklore?
57 Ex-P.M. Narsimha ___
58 A wood-wind instrument
59 Cain's brother
60 Israeli gun
61 ___ one's spurs : gains distinction or fame?
62 SMS
63 Amartya Kumar ___ : Nobel Prize winning economist?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	L	P	■	O	B	O	E	■	■	N	S	W
L	A	O	■	T	H	U	M	B	■	E	C	E
F	U	R	■	T	A	R	S	I	■	H	R	T
■	■	C	O	O	T	■	■	G	I	R	I	■
A	R	I	D	■	■	S	E	W	S	U	P	■
B	A	N	D	■	M	E	R	I	T	■	■	■
E	S	E	■	C	L	I	N	G	■	W	E	E
■	■	■	G	A	I	N	S	■	Y	O	R	K
■	S	T	Y	M	I	E	■	■	U	R	G	E
■	W	O	M	B	■	■	B	I	L	L	■	■
F	I	R	■	A	I	D	E	S	■	D	R	Y
E	N	S	■	Y	A	C	H	T	■	L	E	A
E	G	O	■	■	S	I	L	O	■	Y	E	W

DOWN
1 Boy band 'N ___
2 Fly like an eagle
3 Mystic symbol
4 Indian state bordering China
5 Large Scale Integration, abbr.
6 East Indian shrub
7 Legend or epic
8 Homicide
9 Spanish queen
10 Air Data Tester
11 Disk operating system, in short
19 Tree - "Mel" anagram?
21 Choose
23 A small number, not many
24 Follow, pursue or trail
26 Dad's sister
27 Payment for hiring
28 A precious stone
29 Exodus author __ Uris
30 Romulus kin
32 Female ruff
35 Take legal action
38 Scorches
39 Tender loving care, abbr.
41 Outcome - of an examination, perhaps
42 North American deer
46 Enfant terrible
48 Extinct ox - "Suru" anagram?
49 Loaf around
50 Joint of meat - "lion" anagram?
51 Pertaining to the forward part of a vessel
52 Rsrv. Bk. of India
53 An electrically charged particle
55 An honest man
56 Jinx or curse



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

FKCTN DWETSPT, CAFC BAWPA PVQTD STFNTDC CV

TGYNTDDWSR CAT WSTGYNTDDWJET WD QXDWP.

TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: True love does not have a happy ending because true love doesn't end.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Damayanthi	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
Mane Maratakkide	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
Mundina Nildana	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Kiss	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Bramhachari	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Ranahedi	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Aayushmanbhava	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Naane Raja	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Bharaate	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
HINDI			
Commando 3	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Enai Noki Paayum Thota	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Sanga Thamizhan	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
----	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Margaret (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am
Mundina Nildana (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
Frozen (E-3D)	(S-1)	3.20 pm, 5.30 pm, 7.45 pm
Commando 3 (H)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Ford v Ferrari (E)	(S-2)	10.50 am
Kalidasa Kannada Meshtru (K)	(S-2)	1.55 pm
Hotel Mumbai (E)	(S-2)	4.45 pm
	(S-4)	7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Kettiyolaanu Ente Malakha (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Bala (H)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Bramhachari (K)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 7.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.20 am
Damayanthi (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Arjun Suravaram (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Enai Noki Paayum Thota (Ta)	(S-4)	1.00 pm, 4.05 pm

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Commando 3 (H)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 3.55 pm, 9.40 pm
Frozen II (E-3D)	(S-1)	12.35 pm, 5.15 pm, 7.35 pm
Hotel Mumbai (E)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 9.55 pm
Hotel Mumbai (H)	(S-4)	3.50 pm
Damayanthi (K)	(S-4)	9.50 am, 6.35 pm
Yeh Saali Aashiqui (H)	(S-4)	9.50 pm
Brahmahachari (K)	(S-3)	9.50 am, 6.45 pm
Mundina Nildana (K)	(S-1)	2.55 pm
Enai Noki Paayum Thota (Ta)	(S-2)	12.45 pm
	(S-3)	9.40 pm
Mookajjiya Kanasugalu (K)	(S-3)	3.50 pm
Arjun Suravaram (Te)	(S-3)	12.40 pm
Nane Raja (K)	(S-4)	1.05 pm
Kettiyolaanu Ente Malakha (Ma)	(S-2)	6.50 pm

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Commando 3 (H)	9.45 am, 3.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Hotel Mumbai (H)	10.05 am, 12.55 pm, 6.40 pm
Naane Raja (K)	10.30 am
Frozen 2 (E-3D)	11.35 am, 2 pm, 7.35 pm
Bramhachari (K)	12.40 pm, 6.55 pm
Arjun Suravaram (Te)	1.20 pm
Damayanthi (K)	3.35 pm, 9.50 pm
Enai Noki Paayum Thota (Ta)	4.20 pm, 10.00 pm
Mundina Nildana (K)	4.30 pm
Mookajjiya Kanasugalu (K)	6.55 pm
Ford v Ferrari (E)	9.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

'Music today lacks melody & good lyrics'

Rajan-Nagendra Sangeethotsava

Ajay Warrier

Anuradha Bhat

Mysuru, Dec. 2 (MK&US)- Rajan-Nagendra Trust had organised a music programme titled 'Rajan-Nagendra Sangeethotsava' at Kalamandira here on Saturday.

Singers Anuradha Bhat, Ajay Warrier, Manasa Holla, Nisarga, Disha, Ramyashri, Achal, Lakshmi, Ruthwik, Shravya, Puneeth and Nishita rendered over 20 songs of the composing duo Rajan-Nagendra like *'Hosabaalu...'* from the movie *Auto Raja, 'Omme Ninnannu Kanthumba...'* from *Gaalimathu, 'Pavadisu Paramathma...'* from *Sreenivasa Kalyana, 'Baanallu Neene...' from Bayalu Daari* and *'Akasha Deepavu Neenu...'* from *Pavana Ganga* exposing the melodious glory of film hits of yesteryears.

Inaugurating the programme, Horanadu Kshetra Dharmakartha Dr. G. Bheemeshwara Joshi recalled the musical contribution of Rajan-Nagendra who also introduced new talents to the industry.

He opined that today's film music have blaring background score with no importance for melody or meaningful lyrics.

DCP M. Muthuraj, Music Director Rajan, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna and others were present.

Music Director Rajan** (first row - extreme left) **among the audience at Kalamandira in city yesterday during 'Rajan-Nagendra Sangeethotsava.'

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 2)

Bharani Art Gallery, Mysuru: Silver Jubilee Year, solo art expo titled 'Trajectory of Depression' by Alip Majumdar, artist from West Bengal, M-1198, 3rd Main, 6th Cross, Vivekanandanagar, **up to 7 pm.**

JSS Mysore Urban Haat: Samskruti-2019, a Special Handloom Exhibition, Urban Haat premises, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**

Sahara Art and Crafts: Handicraft and Handloom Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust: 25th Music Conference, senior vocalist Neela Ramgopal - President of the Conference, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji inaugurates, MLA S.A. Ramdas chief guest, Trust President K.V. Murthy presides over the inaugural, conferring of title 'Sangeeta Seva Nidhi' on B.C. Rajagopal for his yeoman service to music, felicitation to V.S. Ramesh (morching), Karnataka Kalasri Pustakam Rama (vocal) and Honnappa (vocal), **5.30 pm;** Chaitra Sairam's vocal concert with Anirudh Bharadwaj on violin, Saishivu Lakshmi Keshav on mridanga and V.S. Ramesh on morching, Navajyothi auditorium of JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm.**

Jnanabutti: Free Coaching Camp for PC and PSI exams, ATI Joint Director Dr. V. Bhagyalakshmi releases the study material, retd. DCP B.P. Suresh wishes the aspirants, Karnataka State Co-Operative Marketing Federation Limited Director Y.N. Shankaregowda presides, retd. Dy.SP J.B. Rangaswamy will be present, Lakshmipuram Government High School and PU College premises, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 3)

Anokhi Garden: ...the bewitching, lyrical world of Ram Singh Urveti - Gond Artist, Anokhi Garden, 408, Contour Road, near Adithya Hospital, Gokulam, 3rd Stage, **8 am to 5 pm.**

JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust: 25the Music Conference, 'Sangeethanjali' by students of M.L. Bharati; Vidwat Goshti - lecture-demonstrations on 'Neraval rendering in a concert' by Pattabhiram Pandit and 'Music-introspection' by senior violinist T.K.V. Ramanujacharyulu, **10 am;** Violin Duet by C.V. Shruti and Pruthvi Bhaskar, accompanied by Pavan Madhav on mridanga and Srinidhi on ghata, **5 pm;** Vocal concert by Pattabhiram Pandit, accompanied by T.K.V. Ramanujacharyulu on violin, H.S. Sudheendra on mridanga and Vallapalli Krishna Kumar on ghata, Navajyothi auditorium of JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**

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District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat and District Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru: Book release — 'Nelada Hokkula Balli' (a collection of limericks) and 'Kanasu Kavanetiri' (a poetry collection) by Prof. S.G. Siddharamaiah — by retd. Professor and thinker Dr. Aravinda Malagatti, poetess Dr. Kavita Rai speaks about the book, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, former Chairman of Kannada Development Authority Prof. S.G. Siddharamaiah guest of honour, poet Rudrappa Hanaganavadi chief guest, Vaidyavartha Prakashana Founder-Director Dr. MGR Urs received the book, District Sharana Sahitya Parishat President M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat President *Chutuku Siri* Dr. Ratna Halappa Gowda will be present, District Sahitya Bhavana, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **4.30 pm.**

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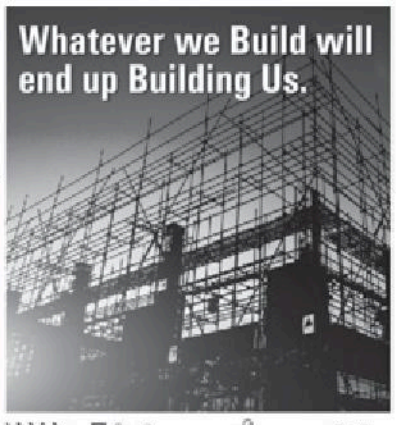

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